

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

ARIE BEN-BASSAT ET. AL.

CASE NO.: CL2371USNA

SERIAL NO.: 10/824,581

GROUP ART UNIT: 1652

FILED: APRIL 14, 2004

EXAMINER: RAMIREZ, D.

FOR: A METHOD FOR PREPARING PARA-HYDROXYSTYRENE BY BIOCATALYTIC  
DECARBOXYLATION OF PARA-HYDROXYCINNAMIC ACID IN A BIPHASIC  
REACTION MEDIUM

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**Introductory Comments**

This is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2006, setting a shortened statutory period for response that expires on March 5, 2007. This paper is being submitted after the three month statutory period for reply. As a consequence, a Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 requesting a one (1) month extension of time for filing this Amendment is also enclosed.

The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and submit the following in support thereof. Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.